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Freedom of Information Act Request.

Hello,

We would like to request any documentation relating to the State of Oregon's approval to administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permitting and enforcement program. It is our understanding that a State must apply to the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") in order to administer the NPDES program.

Specifically we are looking for information that shows the criteria of 33 U.S.C. §§ 1342(b)(1) – (9) been met by the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ"), and the EPA's approval of DEQ's NPDES authority, i.e. Documents that to Oregon's original application the Federal NPDES program, and EPA's subsequent approval.

Finally, perhaps most importantly, we are hoping to find any documentation relating to EPA's approval of transfer of authority to administer the NPDES program to the Oregon Department of Agriculture. (DOA). Information relating to DOA's approval under 40 C.F.R. § 123.62(c), formerly 48 F.R. 14146, (April 1, 1983). Alternatively, if more than one agency is issuing NPDES permits, ODA's separate application for EPA review. 40 C.F.R. § 123.1(g)(1).

We appreciate you taking the time to locate and send any such documents. Please respond in writing if any such documents can not be located, or if any fees are required to procure copies.

Sincerely,

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